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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

REMARKS

Sir:

This Response is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed May 23, 2003 in the above-identified patent application. The shortened statutory period for response ends on August 23, 2003. Accordingly, this Response is timely filed. The Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0675 for any fee in connection with this Response.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application. Claims 1-22 are currently pending in the application. Claims 1-22 stand rejected under § 103(a).